

The Maggots and Microbes of Civilization, Is this star-spangled country of individual opportunity

this red-white-and-blue government of race-freedom and of class and mass independence, known to the world as the United States of America, after all a failure? Are there oples of other countries on this globe who are oppressed less, and who in getting more out of life, die in greater contentment, other peoples whose children are healthler and happier, who live and love in more comfortables homes and who own more of them, than we of this land of public schools and trust-pools, of minimum povert leave the country desire to rule it, have been hold for two or three days they turned to resolving that the earth is theirs and that everybody else might better get off. Some of these fellows, the most of whom make a living by bemosning the miseries of the more miserable, were born in America, but the majority of them seem to have been simply hatched at inoppirtune times, in out of the way places, and by God's sunshine, and through the charity of others developed into full grown, howling hypocrites. They constitute the bubonic bacteria, the microbic maggots of an otherwise healthy and progressive civilization. By contact If the direction of public affairs were turned over malcontents, having first turned upon and rended One section of this convocation of dissenters, led by Altgeld, McOulrk and others, contend that the fall that the Altgelds, McQuirks, Donnellys and Simpsons and their followings get this government into their hands, the Star of Empire will reverse its course, leaving the gods

A Terrifically Hot Summer.

The average reader no doubt noticed the large numb Buenos Ayres last week. The heat in the southern hemis phere the past few months has been not only abnormal but terrific. "From 120 to 130 in the shade" is the way the reports read. At Buenos Avres on Saturday and Sunday last the thermometer registered 120 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade nearly all day. On Saturday there were one hundred and two cass of sustroke of which ninety-three were fatal. and on Sunday there were two hundred and nineteen cases. of which one hundred and thirty-four were fatal. In Melas we noted last week, the weather has been extremely hot, and in South Africa the British troops have suffered exceedingly from the unbearably high tempera ture. Indeed, the entire globe appears to be warmer than usual, for the winter in this country has been far from mild, and at Davos Platz the season has been ruined by

The Canal Must be Our Own.

There is a sentiment in France protesting against the abrogation of the Bulwer-Clayton treaty between England willing to concede her treaty rights the United States does not care what France may like or dislike. The whole world combined can't come to this continent and whip Uncie Sam, proof of which can be found in both the South African and in the Philippine wars. It is becoming difficult to whip even a bantam rooster on his own dunghill. And the New York Journal is right on insisting that the Nicaragua canal shall not be neutral. That paper believes and urges that the United States should control it absolutely. "A Nicaragua canal open to our warships and closed to those of our would double our naval strength. A Nicaragua canal that would let the fleets of Europe through to uttack either coast of the United States at their pleasure would double the strength of our enemies,"

That Chicago Drainage Canal.

While St. Louis is protesting against being compelled to live on the banks of Chicago's open sewer, once deemed an impossible possibility, Chicago is having some trouble from some of her own citizens who in doing business on the flowed to the south the level of the Chicago river has gone The depth of the river has been lowered from 17 to 14 feet street to Fortieth street. Even this may not allay the ire of the marine interests, all of which show a desire to compet the city to make good in the law courts. St. Louis is not the only city that is having trouble because of the Chicago drainage canal,

Will be Governor General of the Philippines.

Judge William H. Tafi of Cincinnati, to whom the late appointed to the chairmanship of the Philippine commission, whose duty will be to devise a civil government for the Pacific archipelago. He is a brother of Hon. Charles P. Taft, ex-member of congress from Ohio, and proprictor of the Cincinnati Times-Star. Since giving up law reporting a few years ago his advancement has been rapid, He has served as assistant prosecutor of Hamilton county, collector of internal revenue of the First Ohio district. judge of the superior court of Ohlo, and solicitor general of the United States. In 1892 he was appointed United States circuit judge of the Sixth district. In 1896 ne was made dean and professor in the law department of the Uni- do anything till you see me.

the flesh of the political corruptionists in Cincinnati, and before he got on the bench threw a good many obstructions in their way. An incident that attracted local attention to him occurred a short time after he returned home from college. Walking along the street he overheard a re mark derogatory to a woman well known in Cincinnati society. Without a word Taft struck the fellow a blow hat stretched him scross the curb and into the gutter. The bruiser had an extensive reputation as a "bad man," and the incident made young Taft the hero of the hour.

A Billion Dollar Country.

During Harrison's administration the opposition bevailed the fact that under a Republican policy, which was lenominated one of extravagance, the annual expenses of the federal government would soon be a billion of dollars Some of the Republican leaders protested, but others adnifted it to be a probability. The truth is we are already nore than a billion dollar country. But we are making noney and growing richer, rapidly, as a nation. We have no billionaires among our millionaires as yet, nor ever oincidence the announcement is made from Washington of two billions of foreign commerce and two billions of money in circulation within a single month, the totals indicating that the two billion dollar line had been crossed in our commerce for 1899, having only been completed by the treasury bureau of statistics on January 14, while the treasury bureau on February 1 announced that the total money in circulation had also crossed the two billion dallar

ry on February 1, 1900, is put at 77,116,000, the money in rculation at \$2,002,149,355, and the circulation per capita at \$25.98. This gives a larger per capita than in any month in the history of the country. On February I, 1899, it was \$25.42; on February 1, 1898, \$33.42; on February 1, 1897, \$23.05, and on February 1, 1896, \$22.47. No period in our financial noney in circulation that covered by the past three of four

Jerry's Political Morality.

Jerry Simpson gives it out, in a Chicago interview, that is in dead earnest for the nomination to the United States senatorship by the Populist convention of Kansas a senator of their own party, while the Democrats, in the talk honorable and patriotic, we suppose. If there was to catch our attention. It is an open proposition for a contemptible dicker in which the average member of his own party and that of the Democratic party is given no more consideration than if he were a pig in one of the pens of the stock yards to be transferred to the ownership of the buyer who will pay the most

Nineteenth Century Achievements--Colonization,

This century might well be styled the age of colonization, since it has made most marked progress in this direction. Lands unknown to our forefathers have been traersed by men of our day, and there are white men now in regions where half a century ago there were only aborgines. The most striking example of this kind is furnished by Africa. Until the present century this great continent vas virtually a terra incognita to Europeans and Americans, yet today a goodly portion of it is being rapidly re-claimed from barbarism, thanks to the energetic efforts of European settlers. Germany, France and England have colonies there, while among the other settlers are families from almost every part of Europe, as well as many Ameri-cans. The work which Livingstone began and which Staney and other explorers carried on is thus being gradually

anifested liself in a similar manner. The same spirit of dventure which impelled Englishmen in the days of Elizaeth to leave the fatherland and look for "fresh woods and nastures new" has again taken possession of their descendis, in both the Old and New Worlds, and the result be manifest to all. The term colonization, used in a strict | qunder Orchard Boughz, in the Now sense, may not be applicable to their work, but there is | Days, and though you have the warm weather, which has turned snow into slush and no other which so fitly describes it. The United States has names of the people and of the place, I done and is doing an admirable work in this direction, and knew at once that it was our story. But, the nations of Europe are vicing with each other in an endeavor to establish prosperous colonies in distant lands. endeavor to establish prosperous colonies in distant lands. The enterprises undertaken in Africa alone have already furnished material for many a goodly volume , which is not surprising, since it may truly be said that in the entire blossoms, whose fragrance, stealing in-history of colonization there is nothing more remarkable to his dreams, makes him fancy himself. than the manner in which this continent has been colonized once more in the old orchard; when he during the present century.

> The Illinois house of correction is about to try an intersting experiment in the reformation of women criminals, Superintendent Sloan has built three large greenhouses, evering a space of four thousand square feet, in which it is intended to grow roses, carnations and chrysanthemums for the Chicago market. The women prisoners will work in greenhouses under direction of an expert horticulturist, and it is expected that contact with the growing plants "I cannot say more than this-if you will have a softening and regenerating effect on the hard-cars to come to Raynor you will find me ned natures of the unhappy inmates of the institution.

If the recent advance in the price of building materials lid not seem excessive to many investors and contractors here would be a vast amount of money used in real estate approvements in Wichita the coming spring. As it is, the material outlook is very good. The demand for houses will be too Faith into-trong to be resisted merely because lumber, iron and other titing to do. naterials cost more than they did a year ago.

A committee of woman suffragists appeared before the senate committee on woman suffrage and asked the committee to report favorably a bill to allow women to vote, do it. Nothing would surprise and disappoint either side so much as to see the senate committee actually do some-

Dr. Leyds, diplomatic representative of the Transvan Republic, says if the Boers capture Cecii Rhodes they will hold him as a hostage for \$10,000.000 indemnity. If the Hoere get Rhodes he'll last about as long as a week's galary in a game where the limit is only twenty-five cents.

English military laws are too clumsy. If it were Uncle Sam's fight in South Africa the campaign would develop some man who understood als business and the could wake up some morning and find total annihilation rossting right on their hat rims,

Frick says Carnegie made \$40,000,000 clear profit in 1899, At this rate the sympathetic Scotchman could cable Aguinaldo one of Senator Hoar's speeches every day and still have enough left to pay the national Democratic campaign

It is regrettable that so faudable a movement as the anti-trust conference at Chicago should be composed mostly of a lot of political bolls that haven't had a chance to -0-

Jerry Simpson said at the anti-trust conference at Chicago that he was no spring chicken. This may be true, afford to print your bills on but the people of the Seventh district of Kanans are agreed that he has not been a fallure in fouling his nows.

Carnegie is trying to freeze Prick out. Before Carnegie Kentucky case has been submitted, is President McKinler's gets too gay be should remember that it was Prick who late appointed to the chairmanship of the Philippine com. won the fight in the bitter Homestead strike, a task which Carnegle nover could have accomplished.

> A dispatch says that after his long tour of New Engand Bryan needs a rest. If Bryan will inform the American public just what can be done to secure him a rest be will be speedly accommodated

> -If England wants to win the firing should not be confixed to the front. There are some big guns in the war office at London that ought to be fired.

A Boston paper denies that Richard Harding Davis when he left for South Africa, cabled Lord Roberts: "Don't

His Forgotton Love,

For three days Ford Ashcroft, editor of the popular Now-a-Days Maguzine, has been kept at home by a wretched cold. Folay he felt almost himself again, but a whistling, driving snowstorm, a flerce olizantd, such as sometimes strikes New York in the latter out of February was York in the latter part of February, was raging, and forbade him to venture out. Tired with the unwouted inaction of the mast two days, the editor's thoughts furner the make-up of the number now in

"I'm not quite satisfied with the May number," he said. "It's a little heavy for May; there ought to be more of the light and life and blosseming of May in it. Now, those 'Pastelles'-we haven't any early good spring story in them." The "Pastelles," a new department of

the magazine, were short sketches, with hardy plot enough to be called stories; sometimes a light character study—a delcate word painting of some aspect of na-

Mr. Asheroft took an art calendar from till he came to the May page. The cture was a n excellent copy of a water hard of apple trees, covered with their gracefully against the gnarled trunk, he hands clasped hosely before her. The whole was delicately finted, and seemed almost to carry with it a faint fra-grance of the blossom-laden May.

His thoughts went back to the vilinge of Raynor, where he had spent a few nonths years ago. Some college prank had brought him into trouble with the acuity, and he had been suspended for four months. His faiher had sent him to the little Connecticut village to spend the time with an old college classmate,

One of the village girls, shy little Paith Thorne, had from the first held captive his boyish fancy. As he came to know her better her influence increased, and he said to himself that he had found he said to himself that he had found the carting women. Hrought up to the pearl among women. Brought up in a Quaker household, for Faith was an orhan and lived with her grandparents, certain quantness, a child-like simplicthe other merry, chattering country

be more and more to each other; the wild ose flush in her cheeks deepened when

y any promise, they were both too oung, she had said. He must go away waiting for him in his father's office, he might again come to Raynor would find her waiting for him.

So, on this afternoon, with the Febru-ary storm raging without, Ford Ash-croft's thoughts went back and lingered m the springtime idyl of those long ago cears. Could it be twelve years Faith would be 29 now, but somehow he co child-like face-a little older, perinnocent, wistful eyes. And he-well-he was \$4; he had lived in the midst of the rush and whirl of city life.
"It would make a good 'Pastelle,'" he finally remarked, and turned to his desk,

book up his pen and began to write. Slow-y at first, then, as the past seemed to come nearer, his pen moved more rapidly over the page. He told of the college youth in the little village, of the shy maiden who won his boyish heart; he dethe old orchard with its glory of apple blooms; he seemed almost to inhal their delicate fragrance as he wrote. Th whole pretty idyl was told in simple words, but with such exquisite art that olecture of the girlish Falth with her pure, rustful eyes, and the boyish lover who cent to kiss her cheek beneath the or-chard boughs. Then the story of the

After a while he took the pen and wrote A month later the editor was startled

wakes to find it but a dream, and knows at last the one thing his life has lacked in the midst of its seeming prosperity when, seized with a sudden heart-sick longing for a sight of the Faith he had known, he rushes to the ticket office and neks for a ticket to the little village; ah,

and with a muttered imprecation, "Cowmaterial without dragging poor little
Fath into print? It was a dastardly
titing to do, but who would have thought
ahe would have seen the thing. And
when the officers force the door the crap
when the officers force the door the crap

He hastily put the letter in his packet as the sound of voices was heard in the Ed Howe: When an Atchison boy hall. The next mement the door was is given a free ticket, and alls thrown open and two children rushed in. In the purpose at the them-Papa, papa, the carriage has come, and

Asheroft picked up the child and gave her half a dezen kieses in hosor of the day. Then he went for a drive with his

Almast As Good.

(From the Washington Star)
"Do you believe you will succeed in having your man acquitted?" asked one

en etingth to prevent a conviction."

A Hot Report.

(From the Philade phila Press)
"I dropped in to tell you" said the smart little man, "that I don't propose to

She Learns to Belleve It,

(From the Detroit Journal.)
"Do you, a gractical man, imagine that a hump on the head has anything to do If it's a good, hard sump at the right

He Would Be Late.

support ofter. He-Oh, yes, I'll come. But-er-I may be late!

Outlines of Okahloma.

The recent smallpox scare is being turned to account by Oklahema adver-

successor to Attorney General Cunning-nam is picturesque. Walter P. Hodges, a printer of Okla-homa City, has been sentenced to the penitentiary one year and one day for

Okiahoma City has given the Gas and Electric Light company a new franchise for 21 years, and will pay \$130 per month for are lights. The Republicane at Vinita have indersed Wm. Melicite of that place for Republi-can national committeeman from the In-

dlan territory.

Home convention from Carfield county promists to be full when the convention is called to order. Billy Bolton wants real cattle men on the live stock sunitary board hereafter.
At least that's what he asked at the

Secretary Hitchcock kicked a horner's est when he made the statement that mly a small part of the Klowa and Com-Woodward has certainly established a great reputation for taking care of cattle-men. That town walked off with the next meeting of the Live Stock associa-

The re-election of the officers of the Okshoma Livestock association was a commendable piece of business system. The

Miss Regina Neville, who married a Denver millionaire last week, and is go-ing ground the world for a wedding tour ing around the world for a wee used to live at Enid and studied music with Mrs. Glaston at that place.

At Biackwell the girs have a sensible sort of spunk for which they deserve commendation. They won't let the young men take them home from church unles they are manly enough to go there with

Guthrie Leader: Judge Cunningham will probably accept the position of legal adviser and manager of the Oklahoma Liquor Dealers' association. It is said that he has been offered a salary of \$1,000

It is said that there are 2,000 men at Sapuipa waiting for work to begin on the Frisco extension to Dennison. The Frisco has been hauling people in at very ow rates, with the idea of getting plenty through.

Word comes that there was less mon-key business in the El Reno cattlemen's convention than in any previous Okla-homa convention of the kind, and they have all been noted for the amount of practical work done. The men simply salled in and crystalized plans to accom-

plish what they want. Joseph Holloway, an Osage Indian, reently received a check from the government for \$13.217.40 for back annuities, ac cording to the Osage Journal. Some years ago Holloway left the tribe and after ago Holloway left the tribe and after traveling all over the United States he located in Texas, where he has since resided. A short time ago he decided to return to his people. He was re-admitted to the rolls of his tribe, but while he had been gone large sums had been paid to other members of which he had not received his share. He filed claim for the amount that would have been paid him had he been on the reservation, which had he been on the reservation, which

Grant County Vidette: Nothing so ends to beautifuy a town and make it at-ractive to the eye of strangers and posole investors as long rows of nice, trifty shade trees on the residence treets. Every oltizen should make it his social duty to plant shade trees in front of his residence property. Shade trees add to the healthfulness as well as the heauty of a town. They cost but a triffs bent to kiss her cheek beneath the orchard boughs. Then the story of the
young lover who went away, who grew
older and sterner, who struggled and won
-and forgot. will repay the owner many times over for the small amount of expense and la-bor necessary to give them a good start. anyone cares to look at such matters in a mercenary light it ought to re-quire but little argument to convince the must skeptical that it pays in dollars and cents to plant and care for shade trees.

Along the Kansas Nile.

The Republicans of the Sixth district will hold their congressional convention March 20th, at Colby. for quitting she Pop party. Then there are twenty thousand traitors in Kan-

Wellington has railroad parties, Abiione has creamery socials, and Iola has cement clubs. Why doesn't Hutchinson society recognize the town's salt wells? J. B. Hall of Phols, 71 years of age in his life he had ever fired a revolver.

The Santa Fe has issued an order that firemen must weigh 160 pounds. Some of smoking and taken up a diet of chocolate

Wheat in western Kansas is reported to be as far along in growin as it ounds to be the middle of March. It's only the Kansas way, and farmers should not worry now over the possibility of March freezes and April drouths.

the parquet at the thes to him: "Hey, there! What are you doup here, where you belong?

that Quantrell raid serip may be treceive by the elate treasurer in payment of taxes State Treasurer Grimes says, however, that it won't be, and now there will be some quo warrants proceedings

Julies Hook has soured the old grade

Testerday was Kentucky day in Arkan score and started the excitement. In carrying the dead man was kn and the buttons trampled soff his clothes the crowd and surged against two o three glass fromto with futal results to (From Tit-Birs.)

She-f hope you can come next Thursday. We're having some music and a matter. One of the two mon who had

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